



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON INSURANCE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Wednesday, January 6, 2016

10:30 AM

Present: Chair Scott Svonkin, Vice Chair Eric Bauman, Commissioner Steve Aspel, Commissioner Bob Blake, Commissioner Wilbert Smith, Commissioner Patricia Torres and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Absent: Commissioner Daniel Falcon and Commissioner Luther Nash

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (16-0011)

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Svonkin. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Svonkin.

2. Approval of the November 25, 2015 regular meeting minutes. (16-0090)

On motion of Commissioner Aspel, seconded by Commissioner Blake, this item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair Scott Svonkin, Vice Chair Eric Bauman, Commissioner Steve Aspel, Commissioner Bob Blake and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Wilbert Smith and Commissioner Patricia Torres

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Daniel Falcon and Commissioner Luther Nash

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Chairman's Report. (16-0091)

Chairman Svonkin briefly reviewed the panel of commissioners, and noted the Third District's vacancy. He also went on to make mention of notable past commissioners and their political careers.

III. DISCUSSIONS

4. Flood Insurance Awareness Sub-Committee Report. (16-0092)

Vice Chair Bauman reported that the teleconference of December 10, 2015 was successful; the Sub-Committee agreed to continue their search for flood related materials and review the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website. The main goals are to educate the constituents of L.A. County about flood coverage, federal language included in flood policies such as disclaimers, and to have the maximum media coverage with the help of two television channels. Vice Chair Bauman also reported that Federal maps which identify L.A. County flood areas are updated with newly identified areas. Additionally, the Sub-Committee agreed to have a press conference approved by the sponsoring district and be conducted held at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners, regarding how flood areas are determined; how the insurance companies decide what are damages, and whether damages are covered. Also, the Commissioners are eager to discover where insurance companies gather data to quote a rate to the homeowner, and how is flood insurance coverage adequate given the challenges to finding flood insurance. Additionally, it was agreed to gather information for a tip sheet and review the Los County website regarding El Nino.

The Commissioners went on to discuss their own experiences with flooding, such as difficulties getting coverage, the damages sustained, and liability from the City. The Commission agreed to approach the Second District for sponsorship; a rainy day for media presence, and to report in Spanish would be ideal.

Additionally, the Department of Public Works services 85 cities with drains and infrastructure and will be contacted for assistance with information that can be used for the tip sheet; the Fire Department is also a good resource and will be contacted. The Sub-Committee agreed to have another teleconference to further proceed. Staff will send reminders; assist with the press packet; media advisory; and contact County Counsel for any input.

Chairman Svonkin made recommendations accordingly on how to proceed; how the press conference should be conducted; and having the press conference by February 8, or February 11, 2016.

On motion of Vice Chair Bauman, seconded by Commissioner Aspel, unanimously carried, by the following vote, the Commission agreed to request sponsorship and approval to proceed from the Second District regarding the Flood Insurance Awareness, and conduct the press conference at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration:

Ayes: 7 - Chair Scott Svonkin, Vice Chair Eric Bauman, Commissioner Steve Aspel, Commissioner Bob Blake, Commissioner Wilbert Smith, Commissioner Patricia Torres and Commissioner Steve Vicencia

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Daniel Falcon and Commissioner Luther Nash

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

5. Matters not posted on agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-0093)

There were no matters presented.

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-0094)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

7. Adjournment. (16-0095)

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.